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Unacceptable Housing Target Challenged

As reported in the January Bulletin, the Mayor of London is proposing that Havering build 18,750 (1,875 pa) households over the decade, a 60% increase on the 11,750 (1,175 pa) target already proposed by the Council. We recently debated a motion opposing this target in the Council Chamber and it was agreed to submit the strongest possible response to the Mayor of London challenging this unacceptable, unsustainable and unachievable target. We also argued that more should be done about the 20,000 households that have been lying empty for two years or more in London and more freedoms given to councils to replenish Council housing stock sold through Right to Buy. We all need somewhere to live that is sustainable, has character, where we can breathe clean air and somewhere where we are proud to call home. But cramming more and more people into less and less space is just a recipe for disharmony, discontent and choking congestion. Bear in mind that it is estimated that the population of London will grow by about 70,000 per year, reaching 10.8m in 2041. While London is a great place to live, there must be broader thinking in terms of alternative locations outside of the capital; the idea of new towns is not new and something which should be pursued with vigour.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Additional Police Officer For Harold Wood Ward

We were delighted to meet our new experienced Police Officer Richard Clay for the local neighbourhood team at one of their open meetings recently. Richard will be with the team for about 2 years and we are glad that he has joined the team. The petition that residents signed helped to bring this about as the petition was presented to the Mayor Of London.

Cllr DARREN WISE, Cllr BRIAN EAGLING, Martin Goode



Your Harold Wood Action Team



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING



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Pressures Push up Council Tax by 3.5%

As Council funding continues to shrink, we need to make sure that the money we do spend is done so wisely and in line with the priorities of the community. Setting a balanced budget is extremely difficult against all the competing demands and pressures, however it is vital that we formulate a budget that will provide a decent and affordable service to our residents whilst ensuring our more vulnerable people get the care they deserve. For 2018/19, the overall Council Tax increase is 3.5%. This is made up of Havering Council (+1.5%), Mayor of London (+5%) and the Adult Social Care Precept (+2.0%). The Mayor of London has increased his element by 5% to pay for more police resources. This then gives an overall Council Tax for 2018/19 of £1,658.06 (Band D), an overall increase of £60.33 or £1.16 per week from

2017/18.

Some key features of the proposed budget are set out below:

- Central government grant reducing from £12.3m this year to zero by 2020/21
 - Pressures continue in Social Care, Children's Services and Homelessness
 - A further £1m is required to pay for our waste disposal
 - Public Health Grant reduced by £289,000
 - New Homes Bonus reduced by £2.640m
 - Education Services Grant reduced by £835,000
 - Reflects £56m of savings made since 2014/15
 - Further savings of £2.175m in 2018/19
 - Weekly Bin Collections Retained
 - Freedom Pass Retained
 - Additional £115,000 channelled into tackling fraud
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TFL Funding Cut

We have been advised that TFL have cut funding totalling £329,000 to the council for the implementation of local road projects. We are however pleased to say that the funding for pedestrian refuges in Shepherds Hill and Squirrels Heath Road remain in place and unless there are any further cuts then we should be looking to see these projects being implemented in the forthcoming year.

Cllr DARREN WISE, Cllr BRIAN EAGLING, Martin Goode

St Peter's

GOOD BYE TO DAVID BANTING

The Parish church and community of Harold Wood say farewell to the Vicar of St. Peter's after 20 years. His last sermons are part of the Holy Week & Easter celebrations, and all are invited to come and share. We all experience "the chances & changes of this life", but God remains the same. He is faithful

in his steadfast love & mercy, revealed and known in the reality of Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday, March 25th

Morning: Farewell with the children - 'The adventure of following Jesus'
Evening: Farewell with the community - 'Partnership in the welcome of Jesus'

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Morning: Farewell with the congregation - An open-door - 'the good news of the invitation of Jesus'
Evening: Farewell with local churches - Nothing is in vain 'the true faith and sure hope of Jesus.'

Sunday gatherings at St. Peter's are usually 9.15am and 11am, and 6.30pm - all are welcome.

David's final Sunday morning service & farewell lunch is April 15th.

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Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Congratulations - Golden Wedding Anniversary

We wish Bunny and Brian Eagling every happiness on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Best wishes from,
Cllr DARREN WISE and Martin Goode

Litter Picking

It is always a pleasure, once a month, to litter pick in Painesbrook Park, Church Road alongside Cllr. Darren Wise,

Martin Goode and a few of our local residents. Now the warmer weather is coming why not come along and join us. We meet the first Sunday in the month at 11am. I believe keeping our parks litter free is very important to our community and you can also help by making sure that if you do have a picnic over the park you kindly take your litter home with you.



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Clearing Up The Mess In Kings Park

I received an email from a resident on the Kings Park Estate in respect of the Dog Poo bins that was full up. I immediately contacted the council to ascertain who was responsible to empty them and the Council confirmed that it was Countryside responsibly as the roads have not been adopted by the council yet. The Council did however contact Countryside on my behalf and it was emptied very quickly. There

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Cllr DARREN WISE

Pavement Repaired

Finally, despite many phone calls and emails, I am pleased to say the Council have repaved the section of pavement where the tree was removed in St Neots Road and left in a mess for a few months after the contractor removed the tree.

Cllr DARREN WISE



Permit Parking Bays

Requests have been made to the Council for additional permit parking bays in Hamilton Drive and Firham Park Road. These will be consulted upon in due course.

Cllr DARREN WISE, Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

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CLr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Wednesday Music Evenings

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28th March - Melody On The Move presented by Harry Newman. With a playlist of over 20 tracks, Harry's theme for this programme is travel, in its many musical disguises and will involve many modes of transport. The Music Evenings take place in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, North Street commencing at 7.30pm and ending at 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do request a nominal donation for the interval refreshments. No need to pre-

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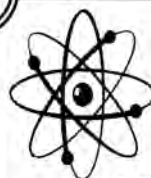
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The Havering Singers will be at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA on Saturday 24th March, 7.30 - 8.30pm. As part of the preparation for the start of Holy Week, we will perform Maundy - Olivet to Calvary. The work recalls the scenes which mark the last few days of Christ's life on earth. Starting with his jubilant entry to Jerusalem and ending with the Crucifixion at Calvary. There are no tickets for this performance and a retiring collection will be made.

and Youth Academy (children from age 7 years upwards). There are also limited spaces currently available for men too! This year we are going to offer ladies a free introduction to golf by having a couple of group lessons with our professional, light refreshments and an introduction to some of the ladies of the club. An open afternoon is also being planned for Saturday April 7th at 1.30 pm. If you are interested please telephone Darren or James (our club professionals) on 01708 346466 or alternatively our lady captain Maureen on mobile 07954 209063.

David Godwin

Maylands Golf Club

Looking to start a new hobby for you or your family in 2018 or simply fancy a new Golf club - then Maylands might just be what you are looking for. Maylands Golf Club (by the junction of the M25 / A12, next to Brook Street roundabout) is looking for new members. In particular they are keen to expand the Ladies Section

Rotary Big Band Night

Once again Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club are holding their popular annual St. Georges Day Big Band Concert at the Windmill Hall in Upminster, this time on Saturday April 21st. 2018. Featuring the popular Ken Turner 17-piece Big Band with

singer/compere Mark Stratford, the theme will include music from the Glen Miller and Count Basie era. Tickets will be £20 per person, including a Fish or Chicken & Chips supper. The charity FIRST STEP of Hornchurch will be the main beneficiaries from funds raised from this event, with support also going to other Rotary activities in the local area. For ticket reservations please phone either. Brian Taffs (01708 250855) or Jim Haines (01708 226717).

Havering Antique Collectors Club

Judith Miller, best known for her regular appearances on the BBC Antiques Roadshow, makes a welcome return to Havering Antique Collectors Club in March. As a regular speaker for us, her talk this time will be "Treasure or Trash", providing specialist advice on hidden gems. Whether a long standing or new collector this talk will give key advice to help you become an expert on how to spot that rare piece. Friday 16th March 7.30 for 8.00. Guests £7 - The

Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane. Buses 294 and 256 stop outside. Ample car parking. Further details please contact Chairman, Mrs Chris Lovett on 07947367258.

We Are FSTVL

We Are FSTVL on 25-28 May 2018 are holding a residents meeting on Monday 5th March in Upminster. More details to follow, please email residents@wearefstvl.com at any time with any query.

Doggett's Corner

At last month's Council Highways Committee it was agreed to introduce "green man" signs at the junction of A124 Upminster Road with Hacton Lane and Wingletye Lane, known as Doggett's Corner (thought to be named after a local church warden). If you would like to see a copy of the report please contact us at The Bulletin.

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Murder Mystery

The Lions Club of Romford are holding a Murder Mystery Event on Saturday 10th March, Bulphan Village Hall, Church Street, Bulphan, RM14 3RU, 7.30pm for 8.0pm start. Tables of up to 8, bring a team or for lower numbers we can find you a team to join. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, don't forget your glass. £7.50 per ticket, payable on the night or in advance if you prefer. The Bulphan W.I. are providing the cast, so if you fancy taking them on and pitching your detective skills against them as they take you through the scenario of their latest murder book your place now with Colin Talbot 01708 709671 or by email cetlet@aol.com.

Old Chapel Event

Wednesday 14 March, 10.30am - Gardening at Upminster Court, Lois Amos. Lois talks about her interest in gardening, and her time at Upminster Court. Talks are £2 per person and include refreshments otherwise free for Friends of the Old Chapel. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919.

Thames Chase

Thames Chase is running a **photographic competition** on the theme 'Thames Chase in Winter'. Photographs need to be submitted by 20th March. You can enter one or two pictures, each up to A4 size, to be exhibited

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Other events:
Saturday 10th March Guitar workshops. Bring your guitar and music to take part in one of the two sessions held through the day. Beginners and improvers workshop 11am-1pm, intermediate and above workshop 2-4pm. Each workshop costs £18

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Friday 30th March - Discovering Thames Chase guided walk to Parklands via Cranham Marsh. Meet at the Forest Centre at 10am.

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The first annual charity bike ride supporting King George & Queen's Hospital charity is taking place on 29 April. Starting from Ford Motor Co Ltd in Brentwood and finishing at Queen's Hospital in Romford. Two Routes, 45 miles or 69 miles, are available and fully signposted with feeding stations. Riders can raise funds for any department or ward that they like. For further details visit www.pedal4patients.org.uk or phone 01708 504335.

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Havering Concert Orchestra

The Havering Concert Orchestra are looking forward to presenting an afternoon concert of "Timeless English Classics" on Sunday 18th March 2018.

The concert takes place 3pm at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Advance tickets are now available on-line via www.hcweb.co.uk at £8 or can also be purchased for £10 on the door. For further details, contact Karen Williams, Secretary, haveringconcertorchestra@gmail.com

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We are in urgent need of volunteers who would be willing to undertake the leadership qualification and run a Rainbow or Brownie Unit. Help and advice is available throughout the training period. To date we have had to close one Rainbow, one Brownie unit and amalgamate a Guide unit due to lack of qualified leaders. We would love to expand our units to accommodate all the girls who are waiting to join us. Our current leaders have all been volunteering for some years and will be happy to tell you what a fun and rewarding experience this provides. It is possible for a group to run a unit on a rota basis if you cannot commit weekly. Please contact Madeleine Lyus on 07733 230681 for further details.

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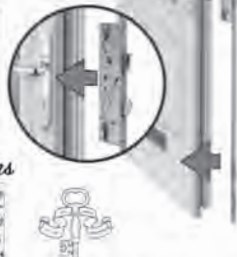
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LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS MARCH

- 6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.
- 7 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** meet on the 1st Wednesday on the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Malke Windhorst coming to tell us about colours and gardening, April we have comedy Psychic Mystic Mick. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 8 Thursday - **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second Thursday in the month. Doors open at

1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.

- 9 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - Cumbrian Wildlife. Tonight's illustrated talk is presented by John Attiwell, a former group member. His illustrated talk is of his time spent as Assistant Warden in 2015 at the Cumbria Wildlife Trusts, South Walney Nature Reserve. Tonight we also have the 100 Club draw. 7.30pm - 9.45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.
- 11 Sunday - **OASIS** - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone. Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545. 3.00 to 4.30 pm.
- 12 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 13 Tuesday - **Upminster and District Horticultural Society**, presents 'The history of the National Garden Scheme and Essex Open Gardens' with Linda & Neil Holdaway. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane,

Upminster from at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Admission is free to members and £2 to non-members. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

- 13 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** Annual General Meeting followed by Jane Gardiner with a talk on 'Masquerade, Music Lessons and Monkeys' AGM 10.15 Lecture 10.45am. Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 13 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** Annual Colour Print (2). Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 14 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 14 Wednesday - **Tea and Talks at the Old Chapel** 10.30am - Gardening at Upminster Court, Lois Amos. Lois talks about her interest in gardening, and her time at Upminster Court. Free to attend if you are a Friend of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person, and refreshments are included. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919.

- 14 Wednesday - **Havering U3A** Ian Porter on 'Ye old City of London'. Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford.
- 15 Thursday - **Upminster Wine and Social Club** meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night. You will be most welcome.
- 16 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Starting at 7.30 pm. Judith Miller (BBC Antiques Roadshow) - "Treasure or Trash", providing specialist advice on hidden gems. Guests £7. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 20 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Paul Clancy, "The Art of Magic". University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.
- 20 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

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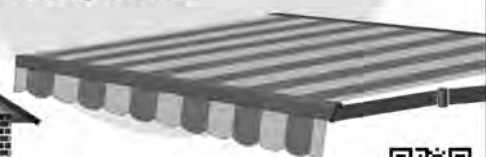
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24 Saturday - RSPB Havering Local Group

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28 Wednesday - Upminster Park Towns

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28 Wednesday - Upminster and District

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APRIL

3 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute**. Our 63rd Birthday Celebration - Mystery evening. Next month will be the Annual Meeting - if you would like a fish/chicken chips supper for that evening, please order it at this March meeting. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161 or just come along on the evening.

7 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month 'Willpower' How wills can help in your family history with Meryl Catty. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Family Search Family Tree' with Sharon Hintze. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

7 Saturday - **Sugar Craft** - Venue, Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch, Time 1.30 - 3.30pm, Entry Price now £7, includes Tea and Cake.

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Men's Lunch

This will be held on Tuesday, 13TH March 2018, from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood. Our guest 'after lunch' speaker will be - John Davis. John is a member of St. Peter's and as well as telling us about his life and Christian faith, he'll be explaining what he gets up to during the summer. A hint is in his talk title: 'The Ultimate Summer Job - Buckingham Palace Warden'!

It has been great to have had 'full houses' for recent lunches, so please do check for the latest situation by telephoning St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org. If we are full, you would be welcome to join the waiting list. Don't forget to cancel if you are booked in and find you can't attend - thank you. We look forward to welcoming you on the 13th March.

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chocolate box lid. We stop in Bury St. Edmunds for a short walking tour and allow time for people to buy lunch. In the afternoon our tour continues with afternoon tea & biscuits included. Price including guide, and afternoon tea & biscuits Adults £35.00. To Book telephone Ardleigh House on 01708 440660.

Harold Wood Library Events

Dementia Friends. 10th March 11-12pm. Free Event. A Dementia Friends Information Session.

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and this goes to show that they do care about our community. Resident of Leyburn Road, Harold Hill

Loud Music

Towards the end of last year we were contacted by some residents in Amersham road complaining about loud music from Mead School. We received a response from the Head Teacher who stated "that the volume of the music is no louder than the ambient noise of the children at play" and that the music is only played during three periods of the school day: 0830 - 0900 as the children come into school; 1015 - 1030 during the break time and 1245 - 1330 during the lunch break. The Head Teacher also stated that "In response to concerns we have adjusted the volume anyway". If residents are still concerned with this level of noise, then please contact me and I can advise you on what options are available.

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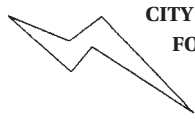
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